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OPPOSITION TO CHANGES TO THE METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With less than 2 weeks in the Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1379 (Mendoza) was significantly amended to propose a major restructure of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors.

The amended bill would make far-reaching changes to the structure of the Metro Board. While maintaining the current number of 14 seats, the bill would reduce the number of members of the Board of Supervisors from five to two, with the stated intent of provided more approximate representation. The three Supervisorial seats would be replaced by seats for the City of Long Beach, an appointment by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and an appointment by the Speaker of the Assembly.

The Five Los Angeles County Supervisors represent the entire County of Los Angeles, which includes over 10 million people and 88 cities. Both incorporated cities and unincorporated communities benefit from county services, programs, and funding. As representatives on the Metro Board, each Supervisor represents his or her respective unincorporated areas as well as incorporated cities. Accordingly, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors strongly opposes any legislation that proposes to change the existing structure of the Metro Board, especially any that aims to dilute the representation of the County Supervisors on a County Agency.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board instruct the Chief Executive Officer to send a five signature letter to Governor Brown and Legislative Leaders expressing the County's strong opposition to Senate Bill 1379; and direct the Sacramento Advocates to engage the County's Legislative Delegation and actively advocate against SB 1379 or any other similar measures.

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